

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Park Board

Agenda Item #: VI.D.

From: Kristin Aarsvold
Recreation Supervisor

Action ☐

Discussion ☐

Date: April 8, 2014

Information ☒

Subject: National Kids to Parks Day

Action Requested:

None

Information / Background:

The city was approached by the National Park Trust with a request to adopt a Proclamation promoting the 4th annual National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting this event on Saturday, May 17 at Rosland Park from 10 a.m. – noon.

The event will feature:

- Three Rivers Park District Sampler- including live animals from the *Richardson Nature Center*; chickens from *Gale Woods Farm*; nature inspired digital camera scavenger hunt from *Silverwood Park*; historical artifact challenge with a costumed interpreter from *The Landing*; slacklining and archery from *The Outdoor Recreation School*
- A bike rodeo from the *Minnesota Bike Alliance* along with bike trail information
- Camping trends and tips from *Hoiigards*
- A family Frisbee “play shop” with *Cool Planet*
- Bike helmet/safety from *Penn Cycle* and *Fairview Southdale Hospital*
- “Make your own Trail Mix” and eating well for active living from *Fairview Southdale Hospital*
- SNAG Golf from *Braemar Golf Course*
- Fishing at the pier

In addition, a Proclamation will be given at the April 22, 2014 City Council meeting.

**A PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014**

WHEREAS, May 17, 2014 is the fourth National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades; and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Edina, Minnesota does hereby proclaim to participate in National Kids to Parks Day. The City Council of Edina urges residents of Edina to attend the National Kids to Parks Day event at Rosland Park on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10 a.m. – noon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set by hand and caused the Seal of the City of Edina to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2014

James B. Hovland, Mayor